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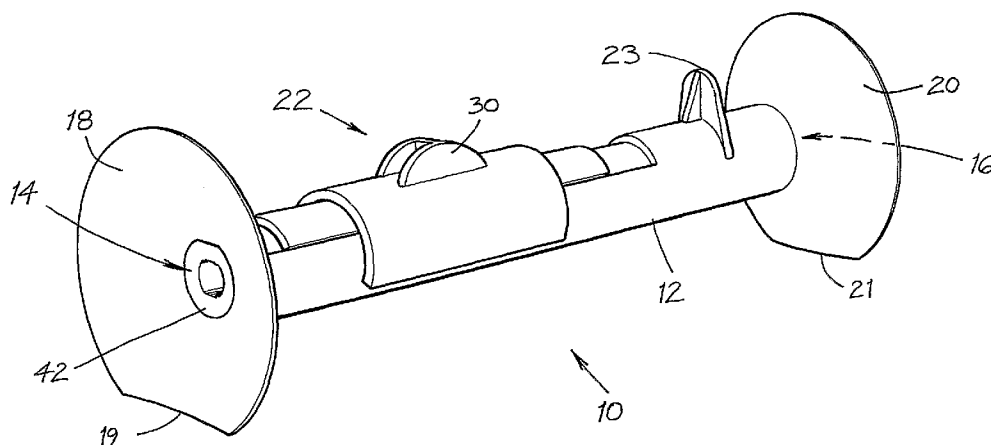
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(57) Abstract: A reusable, hand held, safety device (10) for preventing needle stick injury has an elongated body (12) that includes a first opening (14) at a first end thereof. The first opening (14) is adapted to receive therein a capped needle (100) and to retain the cap (101) upon withdrawal of the needle (104) therefrom. There are also first wall means (18) extending outwardly from the first opening (14) sufficiently to provide a barrier to prevent needle stick injury when a user grips the elongated body (12) in one hand and uses the other hand to insert the needle (104) into the cap (101) retained in the first opening (14) to thereby recap the needle. There are also means (22) for releasing the recapped needle from the first opening (14). The elongated body (12) also includes a second opening (16) at a second end thereof. The second opening (16) is adapted to snugly receive and retain therein a vacuum charged, biological fluid collection container (102). There are also second wall means (20) extending outwardly from the second opening (16) sufficiently to provide a barrier to prevent needle stick injury when the user grips the elongated body (12) in one hand and uses the other hand to insert a needle through a vacuum sealing membrane of the container (102) retained in the second opening (16). The releasing means (22) can also release the container (102) from the second opening (16).



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